GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PSs - Smt. Lakshmi Watts, formerly incharge Director, SCERT, AP and now working as Professor, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules – Articles of Charges – Issued.

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Annexure – I

Statement of Articles of charge framed against Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad.

Article – I

Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad while functioning as In- charge Director, SCERT, A.P, Hyderabad, has been entrusted with confidential work related to TET-cum-TRT-2014 which was held from 09.05.2015 to 11.05.2015.

While preparing the confidential material relating to TET-cum-TRT-2014, Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad and the then Incharge Director, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad has exhibited slackness and gross negligence towards discharging her legitimate duties which resulted in filing of several objections and revision of answer keys for several times, filing of several OAs before the Hon'ble APAT on the revised final key which eventually led to facing unwarranted legal complications and litigations and embarrassing situation, by the Govt.

Thus she has exhibited slackness and gross negligence towards discharging her legitimate duties and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article – 2

That the said Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, A.P. Hyderabad and the then In-charge Director, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad, has not taken due care in appointing eligible, experienced and trustworthy personnel in preparation of confidential material which is related to thousands of students and also not properly planned, supervised and coordinated with various Officers viz. Question Paper Setters, Subject Experts, Moderators etc. involved in conduct of TET-cum-TRT, 2014 which was held during the period from 09.05.2015 to 11.05.2015, due to non application of her mind resulted in filing of several objections and revision of answer keys for several times, filing of several OAs before the Hon'ble APAT on the revised final key and the department has faced an embarrassing situation before the Hon'ble APAT and facing unwarranted legal complications and litigations causing defamation to the Department.

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Annexure – II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of the Articles of Charge framed against Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, AP Hyderabad and the then in-charge Director, SCERT, AP, Hyderabad.

The following imputations of misconduct are noticed as per the report of the committee constituted by the Govt. vide G.O.Rt.No.168, Edn., Dated:28.08.2015 read with G.O.Rt.No.170, Edn., Dated:01.09.2015.

1. Several mistakes have crept in the initial key published on 19.05.2015, final key published on 29.05.2015 and revised final key published on 01.06.2015.
2. 47 objections relating to 38 questions on initial key were accepted which were occurred due to mistakes committed by the respective question paper setters, who also prepared the key for the questions set by them.
3. 1838 objections relating to 445 questions were received on the final key, out of which objections relating to 22 questions were accepted.
4. The objections on the revised final key have been received through 22 O.As. filed before the Hon.ble APAT and five objections were received offline separately, from two candidates.
5. 85 objections have been filed on revised final key relating to different categories of posts and 19 objections relating to 18 questions were found to be acceptable by the Committee constituted for the purpose consequent on the directions of the Hon'ble APAT.

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Annexure – III

List of Documents by which the Articles of charges framed against Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, A.P, Hyderabad now on leave and the then In charge Director, SCERT, A.P. Hyderabad.

1. Lr.Rc.No.569/TRC-1/2014-1, Dated:02.01.2015 of the Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

2. Report of the Committee headed by Sri S.Balasubramanyam, IAS (Retd.) & Sri V.N Masthanaiah,J.D(S), O/O CSE, A.P,Hyderabad with enclosures.

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Annexure-IV

List of witnesses by whom articles of charge framed against Smt. Laxmi Watts, Professor, SCERT, A.P, Hyderabad now on leave and the then In charge Director, SCERT, A.P. Hyderabad.

Nil

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